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**DECLARATION AND  
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FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing

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Attorney Docket Number	MC062Y
First Named Inventor	Carl Berthelette, et al.
<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
Application Number	
Filing Date	
Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**NITRIC OXIDE RELEASING PRODRUGS OF DIARYL-2-(5H)-FURANONE AS CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 INHIBITORS**

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

bears the Attorney Docket Number and Title of the Invention noted above

OR

is attached hereto

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was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)  as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number  and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)  (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Attorney Docket Number	Priority Claimed? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

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Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Attorney Docket Number
60/398,683	07/26/2002	MC062PV
60/435,341	12/20/2002	MC062PV2

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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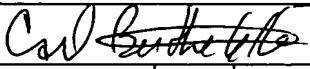
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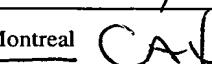
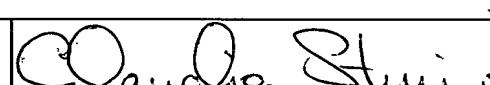
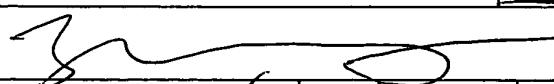
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